

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2008 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Bunting led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Endo-Roberts,
Miranda, Smisek, Rische, and Chairperson Strehler.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and
Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 18, 2008

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved for the approval of the August 18, 2008 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Smisek seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2008 AS NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport presented a draft Proclamation declaring October 2008 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Torrance and recommended that Commissioners adopt it for recommendation to the City Council. She encouraged Commissioners to attend the reading of the Proclamation at the October 7, 2008 City Council meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to adopt the Proclamation recognizing October 2008 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Torrance as presented. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

6B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that Community Services Director Jones has worked with all managers to craft a Department-wide Vision, Mission and Values Statement. She requested that Commissioners review and comment on the Community Services Department new Vision, Mission and Values Statement in the material of record.

Commissioner Candiotti received clarification from staff that the Statement applies to anyone visiting the City. He suggested eliminating the word "Will" from every bullet point under Values and stating it once following "The Community Services Department."

Responding to Commissioner Endo-Roberts' inquiry, Commissioners and staff advised that the Cultural Arts Commission has its own Mission Statement.

In response to Chairperson Strehler's inquiry, Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell described how staff members are recognized.

6C. CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING

Following a brief discussion, it was decided by consensus that the Commission will meet in December 2008.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

No report.

7B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Strehler reported that the Facilities Committee will meet on September 22, 2008 to discuss the proposed Wilson Park amphitheatre, noting that the meeting will be open to the public.

Following a brief discussion, it was determined that all Commissioners should visit the proposed site at Wilson Park on their own or a group tour would be scheduled at a future time.

7C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

9. ORALS

9A. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed hearing Jasmine Trias.

9.B. Commissioner Rische informed Commissioners that Gloria Jacobs is recovering from a stroke.

9C. Commissioner Rische stated that she enjoyed Torrance Art Museum exhibitions and is looking forward to going to New Orleans.

9D. Commissioner Bunting shared information about her vacation in Seattle and that she has also visited Culver City and Chinatown galleries, the Orange County Museum of Art, and the Torrance Art Museum opening.

9E. Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed the September 6, 2008 Filipino Pacific Arts Culture event at Pt. Fermin and a flamenco group from Spain.

9F. Commissioner Candioly stated that he was impressed with the Maize Project at Torrance Art Museum.

9G. Commissioner Smisek stated that she enjoyed concerts at the Hollywood Bowl as well as Sister City events.

9H. Commissioner Smisek stated that she would be unable to attend the December Commission meeting as she will be in Japan with the Sister City program.

9I. Chairperson Strehler stated that the Commission Chairperson training session was informative. She suggested that the Commission consider forming a subcommittee to look into community outreach, public relations, and art in public places.

9J. Chairperson Strehler stated that she enjoyed the exhibits at Torrance Art Museum and announced a Historical Society homes tour on October 11-12, 2008.

9K. Cultural Services Manager Rappoport announced a Commissioner training on October 22, 2008.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:59 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to tour the Cultural Arts Center with the next meeting to be on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Smisek seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Strehler so ordered.

Approved as Submitted
October 20, 2008
s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk